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DEPT PASS TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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TAGS: PFOR, UR, CH, MZ

SUBJECT: CALL ON SOVIET AND PRC REPRESENTATIVES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES0027

1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF CALLS ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
PETR. N. EVSIUKOV AND PRC CHARGE D 'AFFIARES A.I. CHAO YUAN. CALLS ON  
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OTHER HEADS OF RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE REPORTED REFTEL.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR EVISIUKOV, WHO FINALLY PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS

DECEMBER 4 (LM-1304), WAS VERY CORDIAL. HE SPEAKS FLUENT PORTUGUESE AND SOME ENGLISH, AND WAS COORDINATOR OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION GROUPS IN FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES FOR SOME YEARS. HE SAID HE HAD TAKEN PORTUGUESE AND AREA STUDIES FOR FOUR YEARS IN MOSCOW, AND THAT HE HAD "IMPROVED" LANGUAGE DURING VISITS TO MOZAMBIQUE, GUINEA BISSAU, ANGOLA AND CAPE VERDES, SOME IF NOT ALL THESE VISITS BEFORE APRIL 1974 PORTUGUESE COUP. WHEN ASKED, FOR INSTANCE, WHEN HE HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED MOZAMBIQUE, HE REPLIED "THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO," ADDING HE HAD KNOWN MOST OF FRELIMO'S TOP OFFICIALS FOR SOME YEARS (HE IS REPORTEDLY INFLUENTIAL WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL). HE SAID HE HAD ALSO VISITED PORTUGAL "A FEW TIMES" SINCE THE 1974 COUP. IN DISCUSSING HIS WORK AND RESIDENTIAL SITUATION, HE ECHOES COMPLAINTS OF MOST OTHER COM'S HERE--INADEQUATE SPACE, DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING NEW FACILITIES, ETC. HE ALSO COMPLAINED, WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFICS, THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD GOTTEN OFF TO A SLOW START, AND THAT HIS PEOPLE MUST FIND THINGS TO DO TO KEEP BUSY (COMMENT: MEMBERS HIS STAFF ARE OFTEN SEEN IN POLANA HOTEL, ALONE AND BORED. AS REPORTED LM 1199, SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCORDED TREATMENT THEY BELIEVE THEY DESERVE HERE.).

HIS ONE SPECIFIC WORK COMPLAINT CONCERNED WHAT HE SAID WAS HIS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES--HE INDICATED HE HAS NO TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND THAT HIS POUCHES GO TO DAR ES SALAAM TO AWAIT ONWARD TRANSPORTATION VIA AEROFLOT TO MOSCOW.

ASKED ABOUT RUMORS THAT AEROFLOT WILL SOON EXTEND ITS ROUTE TO LOURENCO MARQUES, HE SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY DETA (MOZAMBIQUE'S NATIONAL AIRLINE), BUT THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS. HE SEEMED AT PAINS TO GIVE IMPRESSION HE WAS TAKING ALL THIS PHILOSOPHICALLY, AND WARMLY WELCOMED SUGGESTION OUR STAFFS ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. EVSIUKOV WAS EQUALLY CORDIAL AT A SOCIAL OCCASION. ACCORDING TO NOTE HE SENT US, HIS STAFF IS AS FOLLOWS:

ARKADY M. GLUKHOV

MINISTER-COUNSELOR; GLUKHOV HAS ALSO HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

IGOR A. GRANIN

COUNSELLOR;

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SERGUEI B. BEDRINSKI

FIRST SECRETARY;

BORIS A. SINELTCHIKOV

SECOND SECRETARY AND SERGEI BELIAEV, INTERPRETER.

3. PRC CHARGE CHAO YUAN WAS QUITE CORDIAL. HE HAS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE VISITED WHO DISPLAYED SERIOUS INTEREST IN OUR INTERPRETATION OF DEC 17-19 DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND WHO SEEMED HAVE SOME

INFORMATION ABOUT THEM, ALTHOUGHT HE DID NOT SHARE IT AND SAID HE HAD NOT TALKED TO RANKING GPRM OFFICIALS ABOUT EVENTS. I SAID WE HAD NO HARD INFORMATION, BUT THAT IT SEEMED THAT QUITE A BIT OF THE SHOOTING MUST HAVE BEEN STRAIGHT UP. YUAN CHUCKLED AND SAID THAT WAS EXACTLY HIS IMPRESSION--IN FACT, HE SAID, HE HAD "SOME PEOPLE" OUT WHERE A LOT OF THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE AND THEY REPORTED MOST HAD BEEN INTO THE AIR. I ASKED IF HE HAD HEARD OF CONCURRENT TROUBLE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID NO, HE HAD "SOME PEOPLE" AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THEY HAD NOT REPORTED ANYTHING. HE SAID HE HAD NO OPINION

OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED OR WHY, EXCEPT THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT SOME IN MILITARY WERE AFRAID OF BEING PURGED. I ASKED YUAN ABOUT PRC ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. HE CONFIRMED GLOBAL FIGURE OF \$56 MILLION IN COMMITMENTS, BUT WAS VAGUE ON IMPLEMENTATION. HE SAID RECENT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE 30-MAN MEDICAL TEAM WAS IN ADDITION TO GLOBAL AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE SAID WITH A SMILE THAT PRC WAS NOT COORDINATING MEDICAL OR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE WITH NORTH KOREA,

WHICH RECENTLY SENT SMALL MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL TEAMS (LM 1370).

YUAN ASKED ABOUT OUR ASSISTANCE PLANS. I SAID WE HAD HAD A FEW EXCHANGES DURING TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PERIOD BUT NOT SINCE INDEPENDENCE, AND THAT WE HAD NO AGREEMENTS WITH GPRM.

COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF CHINESE INVOLVED IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF PRC'S ASSISTANCE EFFORTS (INCLUDING MILITARY ADVISORY TEAMS,), BUT YUAN SEEMED TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE FAIRLY

NUMEROUS AND WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. YUAN, WHO SPOKE THROUGH A PORTUGUESE INTERPRETER, SEEMED COMPLETELY AT EASE AND SATISFIED WITH PRC'S ROLE IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE SAID PRC AMBASSADOR LIN CHUNG, WHO HAS BEEN IN PEKING REPORTEDLY ON LEAVE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, WOULD RETURN IN ANOTHER MONTH OR SO.  
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